

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE CORP

THE MIAMI-DADE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

PARTNER PROGRAMS

Citizen's Crime Watch
(305) 470 - 1670
www.citizenscrimewatch.com

Miami-Dade Police Dept
Citizens Volunteer Program
(305) 471-2360
www.miami-dade-pd.com

Miami-Dade Office of
Emergency Management
CERT
(305) 468-5445
www.miamidade.gov/homeland

Miami-Dade County Medical
Reserve Corps
(305) 470-5653
www.medicalreservecorps.gov

It just
makes you
feel good.



Miami-Dade County finally has a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Since March 2005, when first unveiled, the Miami-Dade County Public Health Department has been working diligently to get the MRC up and running. If you are a retired medical or healthcare professional or are currently practicing but have time to give and you would like to help secure the health and well being your family and neighbors, please join.



The Miami-Dade Public Health Department is looking for individuals in most every facet of the medical or healthcare field, such as doctors, nurses, dentists, therapists, and pharmacists. But they also need individuals who may not have a background in healthcare but are willing to support the operations with administrative or other tasks.

Waiting for an event of such proportions that our system is overwhelmed is not the time to react. We must be proactive and prepare now. You can find out more about the Medical Reserve Corps by visiting their website at www.medicalreservecorps.gov.



In keeping with the Citizen Corps branding requirements we have streamlined our logo. The new, improved, more appealing to the eye logo is:



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FEMA offers a Professional Development Series, which includes seven Emergency Management Institute independent study courses. These courses provide a well-rounded set of fundamentals for those interested in the field of emergency management and who take an active role in the Citizen Corps programs.

Students who complete all the courses will receive a PDS Certificate of Completion.

The courses, in recommended order of completion, are:

- IS230 Principles of Emergency Management
- IS235 Emergency Planning
- IS242 Effective Communication
- IS241 Decision Making and Problem Solving
- IS240 Leadership and Influence
- IS244 Developing and Managing Volunteers
- IS139 Exercise Design

You can access this independent study course from the FEMA web site: www.fema.gov. Click on Education and Training.



Volunteer Spotlight

VIPs Program Manager

Ms. Patricia Thornburg



Pat joined the Miami-Dade Police Department's Citizens' Volunteer Program in March 2003 as the Program Manager. She coordinates volunteer recruitment drives and manages retention programs, such as the annual awards banquet. Pat also organized a Field Program Coordinators project that makes mentors and coaches available to volunteers throughout the district. Her responsibilities demand a great deal of her time but she still manages to mentor and coach many of the volunteers herself.

Pat is an individual who is truly committed to community service. Not only is it her chosen profession but a large part of her private life as well. Pat sits on the

- Executive Board of Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade
- Executive Board of Dade County Council PTA/PTSA
- Board of Doral Oak Homeowners Associations
- Miami-Dade Citizen Corps Council Advisory Board

In addition she Chairs, as well as being very active in, the Campus Crime Stoppers Committee. This component of Crime Stoppers teaches prevention from K thru 12 in both the public and private school systems.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

American Red Cross of Greater
Miami & the Keys
(305) 644-1200
www.miamiredcross.org

Hands On Miami Day 2005

In partnership with United Way of Miami-Dade

Participate in any one of the
projects being undertaken by
Hands On Miami, their many
partners, and our community
volunteers.

Timeline:

7:30 AM - Registration/Breakfast
8:15 AM - Welcome Ceremony
8:30 AM - Buses load for projects
12:30 PM - Buses return to
Bayfront Park/Lunch

To learn more about Hands On
Miami Day 2005 please visit their
website at
www.handsonmiami.org



The Miami-Dade Citizen Corps Council has been busy presenting the Corps and its partner programs at various functions. We previewed our new tabletop display at the recent 20th Anniversary event of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's Air Rescue Division.



This new display system gives us a far more professional look and allows us to update the graphics and photos to better match the event.

We also had our CERT PPE bag out to show off its contents including the new items for the upcoming year. These include a body fluid protection kit (a paper suit, non-latex gloves, 6 pads, and a hazmat bag) and a level 2 first aid kit containing 52 supplies to treat a greater variety of injuries.

We attracted over 75 people to our display and they all got to learn about the Corps and its partner programs.

By the way, I got to meet several of our CERT members and would like to say HI. I enjoyed meeting everyone.

